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Whitaker Foundation Regional Math and Science Program Announces Funding Opportunity

Harrisburg, PA, March 7, 2014 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is accepting proposals for grants through the Whitaker Foundation Regional Math and Science Program’s annual competitive grantmaking process. The Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education, a fund of TFEC, is most interested in programs which address math and science proficiency including the following: educational needs of all students and adults in math and science; math and science skills for all students and adults seeking a career in math- and science-based professions; culturally and gender sensitive math and science instruction; math and science curriculum development; and, interactive teaching instruction.

In 2013, the Whitaker Foundation Regional Program funded 18 programs for a total of \$137,088.00. Agencies that received funding in 2013 included Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg (\$8,000.00 for Mastering Math: An After School Math Program), Covenant Christian Academy (\$6,671.00 for durable equipment for the grammar school science lab), Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art (\$5,000.00 for Opening Young Minds to Science through the Mystery and Beauty of Owls), Purple Feet Foundation (\$4,350.00 for the thinc Program and Community Science Night), Tri County Opportunities Industrialization Center (\$4,000.00 for “Science - Experiment with Fun” afterschool program), YWCA of Greater Harrisburg (\$5,000.00 for TechGYRLS), and more.

There is no maximum request amount; however, approximately \$100,000 is available per funding year for granting. The maximum award in 2013 was \$25,000, with an average grant award of \$7,600. Applicants must be either a registered 501(c)(3) organization, or have a registered nonprofit organization act as a fiscal sponsor for the proposed project. An applying organization may be physically located in another county; however, services must be provided to those residents in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry Counties.

Applications must be submitted through TFEC’s online application system by May 2, 2014. Notification of grant awards will be made in July 2014. Organizations interested in applying should visit www.tfec.org to learn how to apply and review the grant guidelines.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is a community foundation which aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets while serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC, please visit www.tfec.org.